

Minutes of the FPS Executive Committee Meeting, Feb. 13-17, 2010, Washington D.C.

Attendance: Don Prosnitz (Chair), Pushpa Bhat, Charles Ferguson, Jonathan Wurtele, Cameron Reed, Mark Goodman, Benn Tannenbaum, David Harris, Pete Zimmerman, Jessica Clark, Brian Schwartz. On the Phone: Barbara Levi, Lea Santos.

1. Budget (Pushpa): For the CY 2009, FPS revenue was \$28,836 and expenses totaled \$22,721. We have a healthy carry-over from previous years. The itemized finances are shown in the table below. Our non-staff travel expense was close to \$10K and meeting fee waivers >\$3K. We need to adopt a travel policy regarding supporting Executive committee members' travel as well as for speakers to manage the travel/registration expenses for APS meetings.

FPS Finances for CY 2009 (as of 12/31/09)		
Funds Available		\$54,921
Revenue: Total		\$28,836
Membership dues	\$23,162	
Meeting Ref. fees	\$1,994	
Investment Income	\$3,680	
Expenses: Total		\$22,721
Student fellowships	\$8,000	
Mtg. fee Waivers	\$3,147	
Mtg. Travel grants	\$700	
Non-Staff travel	\$9,781	
Other	\$1,093	

2. APS Meetings: There are three FPS sessions at the March meeting in Portland, Oregon. Traditionally, FPS gets more sessions at the April meetings. There was some interest and discussions about having more sessions at the March meetings. We can bring this up at the unit convocation in April.

The meeting calendar for 2011 :

[APS March Meeting 2011](#)

March 21-25, 2011

Dallas, TX

[APS April Meeting 2011](#)

April 30-May 3, 2011

Anaheim, CA

3. POPA Report: Pete Zimmerman informed us that the POPA report on technical steps to support nuclear arsenal downsizing is moving forward. (The report will be available online.) As for the APS Climate Change/ Global Warming statement, a POPA subcommittee is preparing an addendum to the statement. Comments will be solicited from the APS membership. It is not clear whether every APS member can view the comments by others. After the comments are reviewed, a final version will be prepared for approval by the council.

4. Committees:

- a. Student fellowships: Jessica Clark and David Harris from FPS ExCom + Gary White
- b. Awards Committee: Don Prosnitz (Chair), + one or two awardees + another FPS member?
- c. APS Fellowship Committee: Pushpa to Chair, Pete and Charles as committee members + 2 new fellows
- d. Nominations Committee: Phil Taylor has done an excellent job as chair of the committee so far. May want to be relieved. We need volunteers.
- e. P&S Editorial Board: Barbara Levi has graciously agreed to continue to chair the EB. Ruth Howes and Lee Schroeder likely to continue.

We may need to update and revise our by-laws to reflect changes in committee assignments, especially with the new job for past chair as the chair of the awards committee. Pushpa had

proposed that we try this as a tradition for a few of years and see how it works out before trying to revise the by-laws.

5. New travel policy: Don's proposed new travel policy has to be circulated and agreed to by the Executive committee.
6. Proposed Workshop on Climate Change: We spent a good bit of time discussing whether to do a workshop on global warming.
7. Other Items: The FPS Website needs some substantial updating. It is to be done by sending emails to webupdates@aps.org. All changes to be done via Secretary-Treasurer.

FPS Business Meeting:

At the FPS business meeting that took place on Monday evening, we discussed determining whether we could distribute our newsletter to Art Hobson's physics and society with AAPT. In general, we talked about exploring linking up with his group. Charles will approach Art about that if Exec Comm members are interested.